

**Minutes of the Livingston Parish Council  
Livingston, Louisiana  
July 26, 2018**

The Livingston Parish Council met in regular session duly called, advertised, and convened at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Chambers, Governmental Building, 20355 Government Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana, on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o'clock p.m. with the following Livingston Parish Council members present:

Jeff Ard	John Wascom	Tracy Girlinghouse
Maurice "Scooter" Keen	R.C. "Bubba" Harris	Shane Mack

Absent: Garry "Frog" Talbert, Jeff Averett, Tab Lobell

Also present: Parish President Layton Ricks  
Christopher Moody, Parish Legal Counsel

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The chair asked the public to please mute or turn off their cell phones.

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The chair announced that Public Input would be accepted from any member of the audience wishing to address an agenda item.

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The chair addressed agenda item 7, "Presentations". Having none, the chair moved to the next agenda item.

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The chair addressed agenda item 8, "Adoption of the Minutes from the July 12, 2018 regular meeting of the Council".

**LPR NO. 18-221**

MOTION was made by Tracy Girlinghouse and duly seconded by R.C. "Bubba" Harris to dispense with the reading of the minutes dated July 12, 2018 and adopt as written.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 9, "Parish President's Report" and looked to Parish President Layton Ricks in the audience who advised that there was no report at this time.

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The chair called upon Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Mark Harrell.

Mr. Harrell explained his agenda addendum items regarding the selection of the Debris Monitoring contract and his request for the Council's approval to award the contract through the Request for Proposal process.

**LPR NO. 18-222**

MOTION was made by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by John Wascom to award the Debris Monitoring Contract, and approve Thompson, scored through the Request for Proposal process, and whereby authorizing the Parish President to sign the contract.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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Mr. Harrell briefly shared his excitement of the grant funding from the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) for removal of debris including snags, drifts or other obstructions in selected watersheds in and throughout Livingston Parish.

Councilman Shane Mack asked if the grant money had been received and had been fully awarded. Mr. Harrell indicated that it had been allocated months ago and he had been meeting with NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) on this grant and another one. He advised that he would not be able to handle the amount of work required for the project with his department's workload. He advised that he would still be overseeing everything, and the awarded company would work at his direction. Councilman Mack queried if this would clean out additional waterways that are stopped up with debris in Livingston Parish. Mr. Harrell advised that his department had submitted a preliminary submission with seven hundred and twenty miles. Councilman Mack requested to make a comment. He expressed how extremely proud he was of the Parish President and Mr. Mark Harrell for going after this funding and securing this for the Council and the people of Livingston Parish. He continued and thanked Mr. Harrell and expressed how much his actions meant to him. Mr. Harrell expressed his appreciation of his words and accepted them by including the Parish President and Congressman Garrett Graves. Mr. Harrell advised that Congressman Graves was the reason the Parish received the funding and explained how he fought for our Parish to receive these funds and is continuing to fight for us on other grants. He spoke of a sewer grant that was awarded to our Parish in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) that will help a sewer treatment plant that was damaged in the flood. Mr. Harrell gave an update on the clean up work being done with the 3.5 million dollars (\$3,500,000.00) grant to clean the water ways of the Natalbany and the Tickfaw River. He reported that from the Parish line to Starns bridge, located on LA Highway 442, had been successfully completed and it was beautiful. The work is now going from LA Highway 442 and is headed south, and they are working their way back to it. He indicated that in the next coming week, work would begin at both sides of the ends of West Colyell to continue the cleanup. Once those projects were complete, they would continue on and begin work on Hornsby Creek, and would be continuing with the waterways that affect the most homes. Mr. Harrell thanked the Councilmembers and acknowledged Councilman Shane Mack's compliments. Councilman Maurice "Scooter" wished to comment on the Request for Proposals that were received by the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for Removal of Debris services. He questioned how many proposals had been received. Mr. Harrell advised that there were three (3) proposals that were submitted to his office and they were all local to our Parish. He elaborated on possible reasons why there were only three (3) proposals received and praised the companies who were local in the parish that did submit proposals.

#### **LPR NO. 18-223**

MOTION was made by R.C. "Bubba" Harris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to authorize the Parish President to enter contract negotiations and agreement with Alvin Fairburn & Associates, LLC to provide Professional Engineering, Surveying, Environmental, Permitting and Management and Administration Services, to be performed at the direction of the Livingston Parish Government, Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) for Removal of Debris including snags, drifts or other obstructions in selected watersheds in and throughout Livingston Parish.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 11, “**Public Hearing and Adoption of L.P. Ordinance No. 18-21,**  
Servitude Revocation: Adam Housley/La. Hwy 42”.

The chair opened the Public Hearing and called upon the Council clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title.

The chair asked if there were any comment from the Councilmembers or the public in the audience. Having none, the chair closed the Public Hearing called for the vote.

**LPR NO. 18-224**

The following ordinance which was previously introduced in written form required for adoption at a regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council on July 12, 2018, a summary thereof having been published in the Official Journal together with a notice of public hearing which was held in accordance with said public notice, was brought up for final passage on July 26, 2018 on Motion of Shane Mack and seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris:

**L.P. ORDINANCE 18-21**

AN ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

REVOKING THE DEDICATION, ABANDONING, AND QUITCLAIMING IN FAVOR OF ADAM HOUSLEY, A 35’ ACCESS SERVITUDE, IDENTIFIED BY THE CROSS-HATCHED PORTION AS SHOWN ON THE MAP SHOWING REVOCATION OF AN EXISTING 35’ ACCESS SERVITUDE ACROSS A 2.033 ACRE TRACT, LOCATED IN SECTION 35, T7S-R4E, GREENSBURG LAND DISTRICT, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA, BY BRETT J. MARTIN, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED: JUNE 18, 2018.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted on the 26th day of July 2018.

(The above and foregoing ordinance, upon final approval by the President, or the Council in case of veto by the President, shall be published in full in the Official Journal by the Clerk of the Council within fifteen (15) days of its adoption and shall be recorded in full in the Livingston Parish Council Ordinance Book No. 4).

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The chair addressed agenda item 12, “Adopt resolution to authorize a permit to business owner Larry Smith to place a trailer on commercial property to be inhabited by an overseer for the purpose of security on said property located on Highway 22 at 18934 Maurepas, LA 70449 – Tab Lobell”. The chair advised that the property in question listed on the agenda as 18934 Highway 22 should be noted as 18939 Highway 22. The chair called upon Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen. Councilman Keen wished to speak on this item on behalf of Councilman Tab Lobell in his absence. He explained the need for the Council to authorize permitting to allow a mobile home to be placed on a business property for an overseer to dwell in, for the purpose of monitoring and deterring security problems that are frequently occurring.

**LPR NO. 18-225**

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by R.C. “Bubba” Harris to approve the issuance of a second address at the business and commercial property located at 18939 Highway 22, Maurepas, LA 70449 (owned by Larry Smith) and allow a mobile home to be placed on a commercial property for residential dwelling and approving the permitting process of the mobile home if all requirements of the permit application are met, to be inhabited by an overseer for the purpose of security.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 13, “Adopt resolution authorizing the permitting of a hardship request received for an ailing, disabled sibling to reside in a camper located within the thirty (30) acres of the sibling’s residential address of 15380 Penny Lane, Maurepas, LA 70449 – Tab Lobell”, and called upon Councilman Maurice “Scooter” Keen who wished to discuss this agenda item on behalf of Councilman Tab Lobell in his absence. Councilman Keen advised the circumstances of this item and the hardship need that was prevalent. He requested that the Councilmembers support this hardship situation and advised that it was the right thing to do.

Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse requested verification of the agenda item’s mention of thirty (30) acres. Councilman Keen concurred that the property in question was located on thirty (30) acres of land.

Public input: Cheryl Edwards, 15380 Penny Lane, Maurepas, LA 70449 - Owner of the property

Ms. Edwards answered the inquires made by Councilman Girlinghouse. She advised that she owned the thirty (30) acre property in question. She indicated that the structures that were currently existing on the property were their house, a garage and shop, and a building for their pump house whereby providing three (3) structures with electricity. Ms. Edwards advised that this would be one (1) more thing that electricity would be provided to for her sister, whom she pointed out in the audience. She continued to explain that her sister was living in the state of Mississippi and her husband had passed away. Because of this circumstance, her sister would like to be close to her family. Ms. Edwards advised that the addition of her sister on the property should not get in the way of the neighboring property that is used for a hunting lease and her brother owns the property on the other side. Ms. Edwards stated that everything had been installed and completed for the set up of her sister’s camper, with the exception of the electrical permit.

**LPR NO. 18-226**

MOTION was made by Maurice “Scooter” Keen and duly seconded by Shane Mack to authorize electrical permitting for a hardship request received for Cheryl Edwards’s sibling to reside in a camper located within the thirty (30) acres of Cheryl Edwards’s residential address of 15380 Penny Lane, Maurepas, LA 70449 located in Council District 8.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair advised that agenda item 14, “Discuss installation of twenty-four-inch (24”) culverts between J. Wilson Drive and James Chapel Drive located in Albany, Council District 9”, had been tabled.

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**LPR NO. 18-227**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to ratify the Town of Albany’s board member reappointment of John Thomas to Fire Protection District No. 1, two (2) year term of expiration being January 1, 2020 as per Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1496.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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**LPR NO. 18-228**

MOTION was made by Shane Mack and duly seconded by John Wascom to ratify Fire Protection District No. 1’s board member reappointment of Rodney Russell to Fire Protection District No. 1, two (2) year term of expiration being January 1, 2020 as per Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1496.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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**LPR NO. 18-229**

MOTION was offered by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to accept the resignation of Juanette Courtney from the Livingston Parish Library Board, effective date being July 2, 2018 (date of receipt by the Council office), whose remaining five (5) year term will expire on June 30, 2020.

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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**LPR NO. 18-230**

MOTION was offered by Shane Mack and duly seconded by Maurice “Scooter” Keen to appoint Clark Forrest to the Livingston Parish Library Board, to fill the vacancy of board member Juanette Courtney (upon her resignation effective July 2, 2018), and serve out the remaining five (5) year term that will expire on June 30, 2020.

YEAS: MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS, MR. MACK, MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM,  
MR. GIRLINGHOUSE

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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The chair addressed agenda item 16, “District Attorney Report(s):” and called upon Mr. Christopher Moody who advised he had no report at this time.

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The chair addressed agenda item 17, “Committee Reports” and called upon Councilman Shane Mack. Councilman Mack advised that the committee discussed two (2) topics, first being a recommendation to introduce an ordinance at the next Council meeting that would regulate entrances and exits when developing subdivisions. He continued to explain that the second topic of discussion was the junk car ordinance and advised that it was a very good, interesting meeting that lasted two (2) hours. He indicated that he would like to schedule another Ordinance committee meeting to be held in three (3) weeks, date being August 16, 2018 at six o’clock (6:00) p.m.

The chair called upon Councilman Tracy Girlinghouse, Finance committee chairman, who advised that he had nothing to report regarding the Finance committee.

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The chair addressed agenda item 18, “Councilmen’s Comments”. The Councilmembers did not have any further comments, but Councilman John Wascom advised that he sensed that there were some people in the audience who may wish to make comments. No one in the audience requested to speak.

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Having no further business, the chair requested a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the hour of six (6:00) o’clock p.m. in Livingston, Louisiana.

**LPR NO. 18-231**

MOTION was offered by R.C. “Bubba” Harris and duly seconded by Tracy Girlinghouse to adjourn the July 26, 2018 regular meeting of the Livingston Parish Council.

YEAS: MR. ARD, MR. WASCOM, MR. GIRLINGHOUSE, MR. KEEN, MR. HARRIS,  
MR. MACK

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: MR. TALBERT, MR. LOBELL, MR. AVERETT

ABSTAIN: NONE

Thereupon the chair declared that the Motion had carried and was adopted.

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Sandy C. Teal, Council Clerk

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Jeff Ard, Council Chairman